

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held April 5, 2005, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney explored with the Examiner various ways of demonstrating patentability herein. The discussion is summarized and expanded upon below.

The rejection of Claims 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by EP 1029909 A1 (Kawamura et al), is respectfully traversed. The Examiner relies on compounds PD-06, PD-09 through PD-39 and PD-52 of Kawamura et al, and also finds that the claimed subject matter is not supported by the original disclosure, as filed on July 14, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit that the above-amended claims are supported by the original disclosure, which goes back to a national stage application filed August 28, 1998. The prior art date of Kawamura et al is its publication date of August 23, 2000. Thus, Kawamura et al is not prior art herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by EP 0666298 A2 (Nakaya et al), is respectfully traversed. The Examiner relies particularly on compounds VII-10 and X-33 therein. However, neither one of these compounds, nor any other compounds of Nakaya et al, contain the presently recited methoxy or phenoxy, or naphthyl groups.

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Nakaya et al is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. To the extent it applies to new Claims 28-30, Nakaya et al neither discloses nor suggests the subject matter of these claims, which require, *inter alia*, at least one organic compound layer having a function of injecting holes and at least one

organic compound layer having a function of transporting holes, wherein the organic compound layer having said function of injecting holes comprises the organic compound represented by formula (I). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the description requirement thereof, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now believed to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

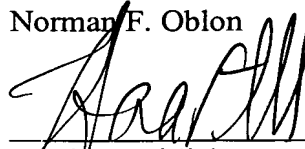
The rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now believed to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

The objection to Claims 22-27 is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that it be withdrawn.

All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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